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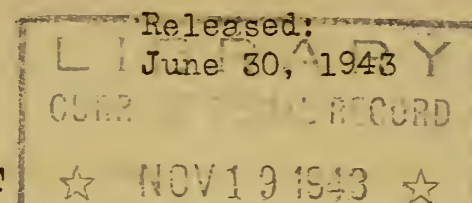
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MONTHLY LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER REPORT



This report is based on information received by the War Food Administration from a representative number of meat-packing establishments. It indicates the average live weight per animal, average yields of dressed carcasses, the average cost per 100 pounds of live weight for cattle, calves, hogs, and sheep and lambs slaughtered during May 1943. Comparable data are included for previous months. The report also shows the percentage of purchases at public stockyards and direct purchases from producers, the classification of animals purchased, and records of monthly slaughter under Federal inspection.

WEIGHT, YIELD, AND COST OF LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED

Class of Livestock	Unit	May 1942	April 1943	May 1943
<u>Average live weight of animals</u>				
Cattle	Pounds	970.70	980.08	986.62
Steers 1/	"	1,004.71	1,000.23	1,012.76
Calves	"	182.95	153.26	165.26
Hogs	"	240.45	254.04	256.38
Sheep and lambs	"	88.65	94.67	92.05
<u>Average yield</u>				
Cattle	Percent	56.24	56.05	56.39
Calves	"	57.38	57.13	56.87
Hogs	"	75.49	75.44	74.07
Sheep and lambs	"	46.91	46.54	46.99
<u>Average cost per 100 pounds</u>				
Cattle	Dollars	11.37	13.97	13.74
Steers 1/	"	12.48	15.15	14.80
Calves	"	12.95	13.79	14.25
Hogs	"	13.95	14.91	14.30
Sheep and lambs	"	12.57	14.83	13.80

NUMBER OF ANIMALS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
May 1943 and 1942

Class of Livestock	Total slaughtered during May	Carcasses condemned during May
	1943	1942
Cattle	774,474	885,153
Calves	327,606	470,809
Hogs	5,357,261	4,319,776
Sheep	1,622,078	1,474,988

1/ Steers also included in "Cattle" data.
See next page for slaughter records

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SOURCES OF LIVESTOCK PURCHASES

Sources of supply	Unit	May 1942	April 1943	May 1943
<u>Cattle</u>				
Stockyards	Percent	75.78	77.37	79.72
Other	"	24.22	22.63	20.28
<u>Calves</u>				
Stockyards	"	59.57	53.43	59.42
Other	"	40.43	46.57	40.58
<u>Hogs</u>				
Stockyards	"	48.93	44.90	47.43
Other	"	51.07	55.10	52.57
<u>Sheep and lambs</u>				
Stockyards	"	61.61	66.98	62.51
Other	"	38.39	33.02	37.49

CLASSIFICATION OF LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED

<u>Cattle</u>				
Steers	Percent	58.76	57.74	59.25
Cows and heifers	"	36.85	39.37	37.58
Bulls and stags	"	4.39	2.89	3.17
<u>Hogs</u>				
Sows	"	49.04	47.07	47.89
Barrows	"	50.16	52.21	51.21
Boars and stags	"	0.80	0.72	0.90
<u>Sheep and lambs</u>				
Sheep	"	8.22	4.31	8.44
Lambs and yearlings	"	91.78	95.69	91.56

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